

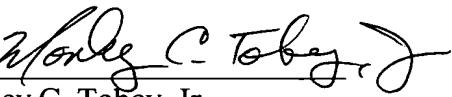
held to be allowable."

Applicant notes that Examiner identified each alleged species by association with a particular drawing and not by identified claim(s). However, in response to Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects the alleged Group E species as shown in Figure 3A. Applicant believes that claims 1-8 are readable thereon but stresses that such election and identification of claims is made to satisfy Examiner's requirement and is further made by Applicant without prejudice.

**CONCLUDING REMARKS:**

This application is considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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